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Shortage of Ties

1. MAV is having great difficulty in overcoming a chronic shortage of wooden railway ties. A study group was formed to look into the solution of this problem in other countries. The study group consisted of:

- a. Nemeth (fnu) - Deputy Director-General of MAV. 25X1
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- b. Husztai, János - Member of the International Department of MAV. 25X1

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Extension or improvement of existing lines

3. All new construction is limited by the critical shortage of rails. This not only restricts the number of projects but causes serious delays in the completion of those attempted. No new rails are available; they must be found from less important stretches of line or siding.
4. A premium is offered by the MAV for any workable suggestion as to how traffic

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or shunting can be so organized, anywhere and in however small a way, to save any length of line.

5. The doubling of the line between Budapest and Székesfehérvár is completed and in service.
6. The projected electrification of the line Budapest-Miskolc-Satoraljaiújhely is still complete only as far as Gödöllő. The standards for the overhead cables are completed as far as Hatvan, but no conductor cables are yet in position on this stretch owing to a shortage of copper cable.
7. Owing to the shortage of rails there is no question of doubling the line Debrecen-Nyíregyháza. Any construction work along this line can only be a renewal (i.e. laying a second track and taking up the old track afterwards in order to minimize the dislocation of traffic which would ensue if the old track were lifted and renewed in sections).

Soviet Liaison Office in MAV

8. The Soviet Transport Office is situated on the third floor (rear) of the MAV main office. It is a self-contained department. The interpreter is Mrs. Geiringer (fnu), a Russian who speaks imperfect Hungarian.
9. Some personalities in MAV are listed below:

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| a. <u>Gsamango, Henrik:</u> | Head of the Trade Department of MAV. | 25X1 |
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| b. <u>Kamuti, Jenő:</u> | New Deputy Director-General of MAV (replaced Gsamango). | 25X1 |
| c. <u>Elek, Tivadar:</u> | Of the Claims and Compensations | 25X1 |
| d. <u>Dora, István:</u> | | 25X1 |

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